

VOL. XI.

## EXPLOSION KILLS

225 MINERS.

Coal Creek, Tenn., Scene of the Horrible Catastrophe.

ONLY ONE MAN LEFT TO TELL TALE

One of the Worst Disasters in History of Coal Mining—Men and Boys Caught in a Death Trap—Explosion Caused by Accumulation of Gas—Relief Subscription Started in Knoxville.

COAL CREEK, TENN., May 19.—The worst disaster in the history of Tennessee mining, occurred at 7:30 o'clock this morning, when between 175 and 225 men and boys met instant death at the Fraterville coal mine, two miles west of this town as a result of a gas explosion.

Out of the large number of men and boys who went to work this morning, developments at 10 o'clock tonight show that only one is alive, and he is so badly injured that he cannot live. This man was William Morgan, an aged Englishman who was a road man in the mine, and was blown out of the entrance by the force of the explosion. One hundred and seventy-five miners were checked in for work this morning by the mine boss. In addition to these, were boys who acted as helpers and drivers, roadmen and others to the number of perhaps fifty.

Fraterville mine is the oldest mine in the Coal Creek district, having been opened in 1870. It is fully three miles from the mine's opening to the point where the men are at work. They had not been at work long, before the terrible explosion occurred. There was a fearful roar and then flames shot from the entrance and the air shafts.

The news of the disaster spread like wild-fire, but as soon as possible, two rescue parties were started in, one at the main entrance, the other through the Thistle mine, which adjoins and in which no men were at work. The Thistle party were unable to make any headway, as the gas stifled the workers. The Fraterville party went fully two miles under the earth until a heavy fall of slate was encountered. At this barrier the men worked like demons, hoping against hope that those beyond might be safe. The scenes at the mouth of the mine while the workers were within, were beyond description. Business had been suspended in Coal Creek and all its mines as soon as the news of the disaster became known, and men, women and children gathered around the Fraterville entrance. Women whose husbands and sons were within, were wild with grief. All day long the rescuers toiled at the slate obstruction and not until 5 o'clock this evening did they force an entrance through it. Up to that hour only five dead bodies had been recovered and hope was still that many were still safe. The hopes of the living were doomed, however, for when once the rescuers could enter and proceeded they walked through a continuous tomb of death. There was not a sign of life. Every man had perished, they believe, although it will be tomorrow morning before all the rooms can be entered.

Eight bodies were first discovered, and these were sent to Coal Creek. Twenty-six more were soon found. They were not disfigured beyond identification and each corpse, as it was borne from the mouth of the gigantic tomb, was surrounded by eager crowds of relatives of the men who were entombed. The mine was not on fire except in remote portions, and all bodies perhaps may be reached before daylight.

## THE MARTINIQUE HORROR.

The Excitement Calming Down—Relief Supplies Sufficient.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 17.—Secretary Moody today received the following cablegram from Commander T. S. McLean, of the Cincinnati:

"St. Lucia, May 17.—Excitement in Martinique calming down. Many refugees, not destitute or starving, but frightened by appalling disaster at St. Pierre, and grave but less serious damage in the more northern portion of the island, were leaving estates and sections which had not suffered. Many cases of pillaging in those districts. Government taking action to stop it. In some northern districts many cattle may die because of volcanic dust over vegetation. A few good rains would cure much of this condition. Today visited and explored ruins of United States and British consulates at St. Pierre. Found some portions of the charred remains of bodies. The Potomac has returned to Fort De France. Reports disaster at St. Vincent very serious. I believe the volcanic conditions are worse and in some respects the conditions of living are as bad or worse than Martinique."

Washington, May.—Secretary Hay has received a cablegram from United States Consul Ayme, at Fort De France, an. Encouraging that the relief supplies now afloat are quite sufficient for the Martinique sufferers, and suggesting that while St. Vincent may be in need, the public subscriptions in the United States should cease at once.

The President requested the Secretaries of War and of the Navy to ask the officers of their respective departments now on relief duty in the West Indies to report immediately their opinion as to the necessities of the inhabitants of the afflicted islands.

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## MANY KILLED BY TORNADO.

Town of Goliad, Texas, Almost Entirely Wiped Out.

HOUSTON, TEX., May 19.—The latest reports from Goliad state that 98 persons were killed and 103 injured by the tornado which passed over that place yesterday. The property loss in that city and surrounding country will probably reach \$200,000. The city was swept from end to end and 150 stores and residences were destroyed, many of which cannot be repaired.

There is only one telegraph wire working into Goliad and owing to the crush of official business it is impossible to obtain a list of the dead and injured at an early hour tonight. The tornado which was preceded by a terrific downpour of hail lasted only a few minutes. The hailstorm drove the people into their houses where they were caught like rats in a trap and the death-dealing wind came upon them with terrific force, leaving everything in its path. The tornado swept an area 250 yards wide for a distance of a mile and a half. Houses collapsed as if built of cardboard, covering the dead and injured with debris, which necessarily makes the work of rescue slow. People flocked to town from all parts of the surrounding country. Many of them had relatives in the city. The work of rescue has been carried on all day and the funeral of several of the victims took place this afternoon. The supply of coffins has been replenished.

Other towns and a large force of laborers are still at work digging graves for many of the unfortunate victims.

The citizens have perfected a religious organization and everything is conducted in an orderly manner, the work of caring for the dead and injured now being on a systematic basis. The storm wrought severe havoc to the surrounding country but no lives are reported lost. Governor Sayers today issued an appeal to the mayors of all cities of 3,000 population and over in the State of Texas, asking them to send food to Goliad and to raise funds for the sufferers.

## Closing Exercises of Tazewell College.

The closing exercises of Tazewell College were begun on last Saturday night and the concluding exercises came off on Tuesday night. All the exercises were held in the new chapel of the college and each time the hall was crowded with an interested audience.

On Saturday night the Gillespie Literary Society held its annual celebration. The exercises consisted of music, and a recitation contest in which seven young ladies participated. The contestants were: Misses Lula Stinson, Lizzie Brodie, Minnie Miller, Clara Miller, Maggie Harman, Mary Bailey and Mary Cooley. It was a spirited and interesting contest. The prize was a handsome gold medal presented by Mr. Geo. W. Gillespie, for whom the society is named. The medal was awarded to Miss Mary Cooley.

On Sunday morning the annual sermon to the school was preached in the Methodist church by Rev. B. A. Kelly. His subject was "Education and Inspiration," and the discourse was a fine literary production. It was listened to with marked attention by a congregation that filled the church.

Monday night the Jaeger Literary Society had its annual celebration. The program consisted of music, and a recitation and declamation contest for a very beautiful gold medal presented by Col. Wm. G. W. Jaeger. Those who participated in that contest were: Messrs. O. G. Mustard, Clyde Hankins, Robert Scott, and James Higginbotham, and Misses Ethel Younce and Katie Ratcliffe. The committee decided the contest in favor of Miss Katie Ratcliffe. It was, like the contest in the Gillespie Literary Society, quite spirited and entertaining.

Tuesday evening the last entertainment came off. It consisted of music, a literary address and the awarding of diplomas and certificates. The literary address was delivered by Rev. S. O. Hall, and was a fine one. The diplomas and certificates were awarded by Prof. C. D. M. Showalter. The graduating class, consisting of Miss Mattie Mabel Shelburne, and Messrs. William Warner Watkins, John Walter Witten and Samuel Leese Peery were awarded diplomas with the degree of Associate of Arts.

The session just closed was the most successful Tazewell College has ever enjoyed, and the financial condition of the school is excellent, the institution being entirely free from debt. It is the purpose of the faculty to make the coming year still more successful.

## Letter to Jas. W. Wall.

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## Installation of Pastors.

On next Sunday Rev. S. O. Hall will be installed as pastor of the Presbyterian church at Tazewell, by a commission appointed at the recent meeting of Abingdon Presbytery. The installation will take place at 11 a. m. Rev. W. A. Hall, of Wytheville, will preside and preach sermon. Rev. G. B. Hanrahan will deliver charge to pastor, Rev. S. W. Moore charge to people. Ruling Elders J. O. Correll and A. J. Tynes are members of the commission.

On Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock Rev. G. B. Hanrahan will be installed as pastor of the Presbyterian churches in Thompson Valley. Rev. S. O. Hall will preside and preach, Rev. S. W. Moore will deliver charge to pastor, and Rev. W. A. Hall charge to people. Ruling Elders A. J. Tynes and J. O. Correll are also members of this commission.

## TORNADO VISITS

CINCINNATI.

Six Persons Killed and Great Damages Caused.

## THE CITY WAS AS DARK AS NIGHT

Within Thirty Minutes the Furious Storm

Had Wrecked a Million Dollars of Damage in the City—Much Destruction Reported From Neighboring Towns.

Cincinnati, May 20.—A terrific wind and rain storm, accompanied by a water-spout, swept over this locality today causing the loss of six lives and injuring many others. The fury of the storm continued only thirty minutes, but the damage wrought in that time will amount to more than a million dollars in the business section of Cincinnati and as much more in other portions of the city and its suburbs.

The dead are: Clement Davies, Mr. Flacher, Willie Willen, aged 4; George Becker, Ferdinand Rapp, D. W. C. Belleville.

Prior to the unprecedented falling of rain dense clouds were seen to the south, and the city became as dark as night. It was afterwards learned that there had been a terrific waterspout on the Lewisburg hills, in the southern suburbs of Covington, Ky., and it moved over the Kentucky suburbs into this city, passing up the Miami valley with damages reported as far as Dayton, O.

While the storm damages are reported throughout Kentucky, the worst point seems to have been in the suburbs of Covington, Ky., where there was a waterspout. The water rolled down the hills in a wave 20 feet deep at places and about 100 yards wide. The frame house of Edward Wobley was carried away for a distance of over four blocks and finally dashed to pieces in the Covington ball grounds. The house was occupied by four families. Of these Mrs. Flacher and Willie Willen were drowned. The others narrowly escaped.

Davies and Pecker who were driving teams were swept from their wagons by the rush of the water and drowned. Belleville, a carpenter, was carried away with the roof of a building on which he was working and killed. Rapp, a peddler, was caught by the water while attempting to take his goods out of a cellar.

All the towns opposite Cincinnati suffered damage from broken windows and houses being unroofed but the greatest damage on both sides of the river, especially to business houses in Cincinnati and also in Covington and Newport, Ky., came from cellars being suddenly filled with water.

Superintendent Bassler, of the United States weather bureau, reported the wind as 60 miles an hour and the rainfall in less than a half hour 2.36 inches, the greatest on record here.

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## NAPTHA CARS EXPLODE.

A Score of Lives Lost and Hundreds Injured.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 19.—Sheraden Yard, of the Panhandle Railroad, was the scene this evening of one of the most disastrous explosions and fires known in this section for many years. A score of lives were lost, and about 200 persons were seriously injured. A score of lives were lost, and about 200 persons were seriously injured. A score of lives were lost, and about 200 persons were seriously injured.

The cause of the catastrophe was the explosion of a train of naphtha cars, which were being switched at the yard, and in the switching, the rear car telescoped a car forward. The leaking naphtha ignited from a switch light, causing an explosion, which threw the flames fifty feet high.

Much of the escaping naphtha ran through Crook's Run, to Esplan Borough, a distance of one and one-half miles, and caused another explosion blowing to atoms the Seymour Hotel and Collins House, on River Road, and badly wrecking a frame building nearby, in which were congregated 200 or more, sports from Pittsburgh and vicinity, betting on the races, baseball, etc. Few of the occupants of this building escaped injury, many being badly hurt. Mrs. Seymour and her daughter, of the Sheraden Hotel, were seriously, and it is feared, fatally injured.

The first car of naphtha exploded about 4:40 o'clock, and the spectacle soon attracted a large crowd on streets, lining the hills on both sides of, and parallel to the railroad. The second car exploded about 5 o'clock, but it was at 6:15 o'clock when three more cars of the deadly stuff went up with a roar, that could be heard for miles, that the work of destruction really began.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 20.—A careful and systematic search for the dead and injured in the Sheraden horror of yesterday reveals tonight a list of 23 dead and 202 injured.

The complete list of the injured may never be known, as many were able to get away without making known their identity. A conservative estimate, made by those thoroughly familiar with the situation places the number more or less seriously hurt at not less than 300.

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## A SENSATION AT MADRID

Caused by the Effort of a Crank to Obtain Audience with the King.

MADRID, May 17.—The splendid ceremonies in connection with the attaining of his majority by King Alfonso today, were attended by an incident which, while insignificant in itself, for the moment created considerable excitement among those who witnessed it, and in the Chamber of Deputies, where the story, first arrived, in a more sensational form than the facts warranted.

It appears that just as the royal coach emerged from the Plaza De Armas into the square in front of the palace, amid the sound of cannon, a young man among the sight-seers behind the cordon suddenly pushed through the ranks of soldiers and police and rushed toward the door of the chariot with his hat in one hand and holding outstretched in the other a paper. Before he reached the door the state lackeys and equerries hurried to the scene and quickly overpowered him, though not before the disturber had received a severe mauling.

The prisoner was taken to the guard room of the palace where he was interrogated. The letter he had in his hand proved to be an address to the King stating that the Infanta Maria Teresa, who was with the King in the royal coach, had promised him her hand, and begging the King, as the brother of the Infanta, to accede to the marriage. The prisoner was carefully searched and it was found that he carried no weapon. His remarks regarding the Infanta Maria Teresa left no doubt as to his mental condition.

The royal party reached the Chamber of Deputies a few minutes later, and the King, ascending the throne, was greeted with a tremendous ovation, which he smilingly acknowledged.

King Alfonso at the time of the incident showed no agitation, though his mother and the Infanta Maria Teresa were naturally alarmed for a moment, but were soon reassured. The crowd of thousands of people gathered in the square gave the King a great reception as the coach moved on. Until the royal party reached the Chamber of Deputies nothing was known by the spectators along the rest of the route of the incident that had just occurred, and perfect equanimity prevailed.

Alfonso was most noticeable for his demeanor during the ceremony of taking the oath.

Dr. J. L. M. Curry, the United States envoy, who was well placed and able to watch the proceedings closely, said afterwards that no one could have had an inkling from the King's manner that anything extraordinary was happening. King Alfonso bowed graciously to those present and bore himself with much manliness. He delivered the oath with great distinctness and put considerable expression into the words, acting throughout in an intelligent and self-possessed way.

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## Closing Exercises of Dodge's Business College.

The closing exercises of the regular term of Dodge's Business College were held on last Thursday and Friday nights in the hall of the High School.

On Thursday night the program consisted of music, recitations and a play, the numbers being supplied by pupils of the college. A large crowd was present and the program was well rendered.

Friday night an address was delivered by Hon. Tate Irvine, of Big Stone Gap, Va. Without announcing any subject he addressed a large audience on education, confining himself chiefly to the demands of the times for business education. The address was a fine one and was very entertaining to the audience.

Mr. Dodge has shown great devotion to the interests of his school, and its first year was remarkably successful in view of the sharp competition he has had to contend with. There was a large enrollment of pupils during the year just closed, giving promise of increased success the coming year.

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## Dr. Allen Fowler.

Dr. Allen Fowler, brother of Hon. L. C. Fowler, died at the Holy Cross Hospital, in Salt Lake City, Utah, on May 7th, 1902, of septic pneumonia, in his 61st year, having been born at "Indian," near Red Sulphur Springs, Va., (now West Virginia) July 18th, 1841.

He was educated in the common schools of Pearisburg and Tazewell, and at Emory and Henry College. When the Civil War came on he promptly enlisted in the Confederate Army and became First Lieutenant of Lowry's Battery, which he actually commanded until the surrender at Appomattox.

He saw great and valuable service, was at Carnifax Ferry, Sewell Mountain, and was badly wounded at Lewisburg, was at Roanoke Island, was in the battles of the Valley campaign in 1864, was at Monaca-cy, at Chambersburg, at Silver Springs, near Washington; at battle of Winchester, seriously wounded at Fisher's Hill, was at battles around Lynchburg and Appomattox. His career as a soldier was an ideal one and it may be said with perfect truth that no braver nor truer man ever enlisted in his country's service than he. Brave, honorable, faithful, devoted to duty, he shed his blood in that service. At the end of the struggle he studied medicine, and went to Utah in 1899 and established himself in his profession, and became the admitted dean in the medical profession of the West. Whether in medicine or other business, or in his social relations, he was always unselfish, noble, honorable and true. He died honored and regretted, and his honorable and noble career has given him an imperishable name in the West, where he established and won his successes. His own merit and boundless talent and industry made him what he attained.

The Utah papers are unfeigned in their praise and commendation and sorrow at his passing.

The Salt Lake Tribune says: "The sad news of Dr. Allen Fowler's death was received with the deepest sorrow throughout the city. All felt they had suffered an irreparable loss. As a physician he was admittedly one of the leaders as well as one of the pioneers of the West. As Medical Director of the Holy Cross Hospital, which he organized and directed, he has become widely known. He has been a ministering spirit to the sick. He was an intuitive physician; no truer, higher-souled, clearer-brained American than he ever lived. The people of this city are all mourners around his bier."

The Salt Lake Herald says: "Dr. Fowler's death marked the passing of one of the leading men in the Western medical world. His opinion was accepted as authority by the men of the medical profession, not only in the West, but where-ever he was known in the country. As a fitting recognition of his work the parlors of the Holy Cross Hospital, where his remains lie in state, are draped in mourning, the casket rests beneath a canopy of crepe, and beautiful flowers bound together by sorrowing fingers breathe in their sweet fragrance the silent tributes of friends left behind."

The Desert Evening News says: "Dr. Fowler was one of the most conspicuous figures in the Western medical world. As director of the Holy Cross Hospital he acquired a reputation that extends all over the inter-mountain country. His fine instincts of the true Virginian gentleman made him as much a favorite in the drawing as well as in the sick room. His profession stands higher for his having been in it."

His interment took place on Friday, May 9th, 1902, in Mount Olive cemetery, in one of the loveliest views therein, at Salt Lake City. The services, which were conducted at the Cathedral by Father Kiely, were impressive and solemn.

The Herald says: "The scene was one of the deepest sorrow. Every head was bowed in mourning. Tears glistened in every eye. Among those who gathered about the bier were the white-headed pioneers who had known him in earlier days, those of later time who had come to remember his kindness and faithful care; and most touching of all the thirty-eight sisters of Holy Cross Hospital kneeling before the altar, while a little child sang the sweet strains of 'Nearer My God to Thee.'"

## End of African War.

LISBON, May 19.—A despatch received here from Delagoa bay, Portuguese East Africa, says that peace in South Africa is certain to result from the conference of the Boer leaders to be held at Vereeniging, Transvaal, May 15. It is said that the dispatch continues, that peace will be officially proclaimed May 20. Preparations are afoot for general rejoicings.

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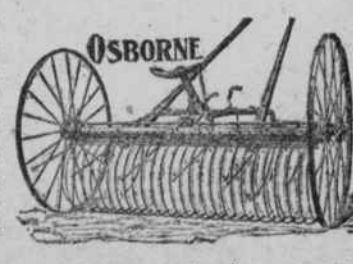
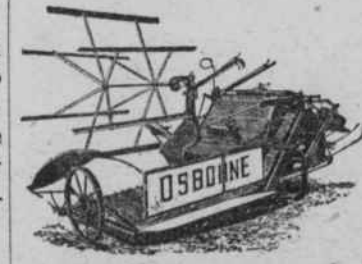
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## EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS.

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Vegetarianism is growing in popularity since meats have become so expensive. There is no doubt that it will greatly benefit the general health of the country.

It is said an effort will be made to get the soft coal miners throughout the United States to go on a strike out of sympathy for the anthracite coal miners who are now on strike. This would be a very foolish thing for the bituminous coal miners to do.

The past two weeks have witnessed a great many dreadful catastrophes. They began with the volcanic eruptions in the Windward Islands. Then came calamities by tornadoes, floods, fires, and mine explosions. Many thousands of lives have been destroyed and much valuable property swept away.

It seems that there is no Democrat in the Ninth Congressional District brave enough to tackle W. F. Rhea at a primary for the nomination for Congress. We reckon they believe that with W. D. Smith, the architect of the "Scott County Ballot," running things for Rhea, there would be no chance to defeat him at a primary. Perhaps they are wise in that conclusion.

The meetings that have been gotten up in different counties of the State to instruct the Constitutional Convention in favor of proclaiming the new Constitution have been ridiculous affairs. Not one in twenty of the white voters of the State have been heard from in these meetings. They will be used, however, for the justification of the most perfidious act ever done in American politics.

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